

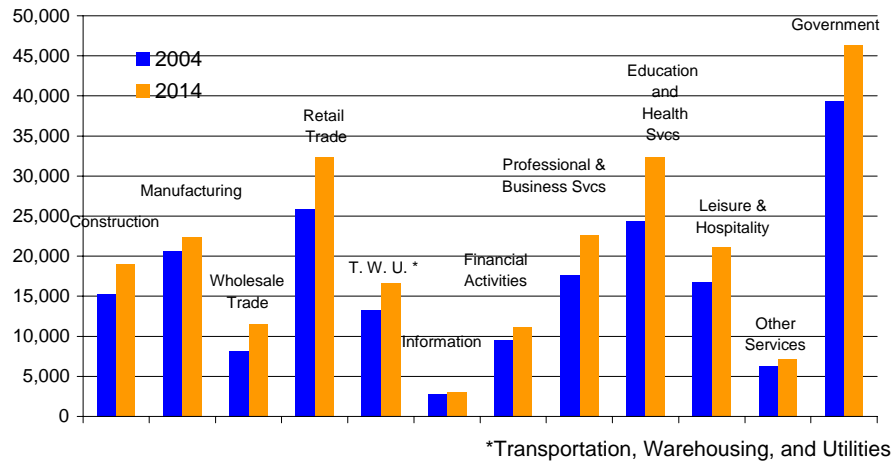
Tulare County Projection Highlights

Industry

Total employment for the area, which now includes Self-Employment, Unpaid Family Workers, Farm and Nonfarm employment, is expected to reach over 169,000 by 2014, an annual growth rate of just over 1.4 percent. This annual growth rate is slightly slower than the growth rate for the state as a whole which is expected to grow at about 1.6 percent annually during the same period.

Nonfarm employment, the major component of the total jobs tally, is expected to grow at almost 1.6 percent per year. Although all sectors are expected to have increases, the largest should occur in Government, primarily due to gains in Local Government. Significant gains will also occur in Professional and Business Services, Retail Trade and Construction sectors.

The graph below displays estimated 2004 and forecasted 2014 employment levels for the major industry sectors in the county.



Over the ten year period, Construction is expected to be the fastest growing industry sector based on an annual average growth rate of almost 2.6 percent. Annual average growth rates in Professional and Business Services (2.4 percent), Wholesale Trade (1.7 percent) and Government (1.6 percent), will also match or exceed the annual growth rate for total Nonfarm employment in the area estimated at about 1.6 percent per year during this period.



Occupations

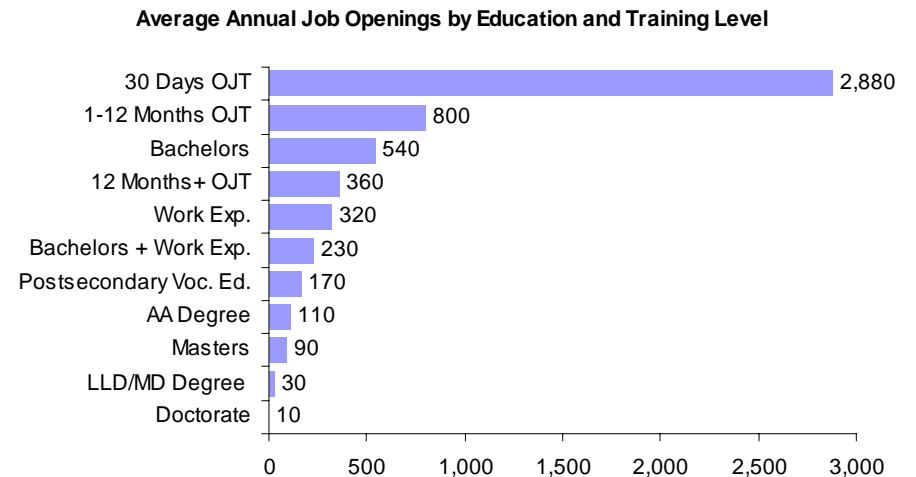
Occupational projections for the period 2004 to 2014 forecast:

- About 21,300 new jobs from industry growth,
- Approximately 35,700 job openings from Net Replacements,
- A combined total of nearly 57,000 job openings.

The 50 occupations with the most job openings are forecasted to generate nearly 36,700 total job openings. With the addition of the Farm sector, Farmworkers top the list with a large number of job openings forecasted due to replacement needs. Retail Salespersons, Cashiers, and Laborers continue to be in high demand. These occupations require a short training period and pay median wages less than \$10 per hour. Occupations that require an associate degree or higher, such as Teachers, Nurses, and Managers, are also forecasted to have a substantial number of job openings over the ten-year period.

The 50 fastest growing occupations vary in education and experience requirements. Occupations that require long-term on-the-job training are the most prevalent on the list and include Firefighters, Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers, and Construction-related occupations. Ag and Food Science Technicians and Computer Support Specialists require an associate degree while Accountants, Farm and Ag Managers, and Teachers require a bachelor's degree.

The chart shows all occupational job openings by education and training level.



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